



Summer 2011 Newsletter

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✓ Orange County Open – Busy Parents To-Do List

1. Sign-up for competition by July 9th, 2011
2. Sign-up to help with the competition
3. Sign-up to bring food for the hospitality room.

** Sign-up lists will be posted at the A.V. & Y.L. Rinks.**

➤ Did you Renew your membership by July 1st, 2011

Home and Second Club memberships expired on 7/1/11. Please renew your membership as soon as possible:

- ❖ So that competition approvals and applications for testing will not be delayed.
- ❖ To prevent interruption of your subscription to US Figure Skating Magazine.

Membership forms can be turned into the OCFSC boxes at the rinks or mailed to the Laguna Hills P.O. Box.

OCFSC – Volunteers Needed

It takes many hours of volunteer work to host a competition, but when everyone digs in and works together it can be a lot of fun. Here are some of the opportunities that will be available.

- ❖ Advertising: approaching local businesses for program ads and gifts.
- ❖ Trophy stand: coordinating with photographer; hand out trophies.
- ❖ Registration desk: check in participants and their music.
- ❖ Ice Marshall: Check in participants on the ice.
- ❖ Messengers: Deliver music and post results
- ❖ Sales: Help Junior Board members sell novelty items.

A sign-up sheet will be posted at each rink.

OCFSC – Team Jackets

For qualifying level competitors, Open Juvenile through Senior, new competitor jackets will be provided this year.

Please check with your coach to make sure he/she has submitted your name as a qualifying level competitor. This information is due from the coaches no later than July 25th. These jackets have a longer lead time than the club jackets so make sure your coach has submitted this information to Debbie Stinson.

Photos for regionals will be taken at the Aliso Viejo Ice Palace. Please make sure we have your correct email when you renew your membership so we can let you know the exact date and time.

Balancing School and Skating

Extracurricular activities, like figure skating, put a great demand on young skaters and their families. Flexibility from their school can help young athletes reach higher levels. Local middle schools have been allowing Independent Physical Education so kids can start school later in order to skate the early sessions. Local high schools, like Aliso Niguel High School have not allowed this. Therefore, many dedicated skaters have had to wake up at 4:30 to skate the 5:45 & 6:30 sessions, in order to get to school before the 8 am bell.

The Capistrano Unified School District recognizes the need that sports and other activities create, and they don't want to lose any "business" to local private and online schools. To meet this demand a new school had been created called West View Academy. A grand opening was planned for September 7th, 2011. They were planning to:

- Accept students that would be in the 9th and 10th grades next year, and would be expanding to 11th and 12th grades students in subsequent years.
- Offer a full class catalog of course including rigorous UC/CSU approved credits.
- Enable "dual enroll" in classes at WVA and their home high school.
- Allow participate in extra-curricular activities and events, like clubs, dances, and other activities at their home school.

Unfortunately, an email was sent out on 6/28/11 that stated that the original plan to open West View Academy (WVA) in the fall has been postponed until the fall of 2012-2013. For more information you can contact Robert Nye, Ed.D, West View Academy, Principal, {HYPERLINK "mailto:rhnye@capousd.org" \o "mailto:rhnye@capousd.org"} or 496-6666 ext 2333.

Aliso Niguel High School had recently agreed to start granting Independent Physical Education Status to those students who meet their rigorous athletic standards. Although it's not certain that they are still offering this in light of the new changes, but you can contact them when they open August 8th to get more details. www.alisoniguel.net - 78000 Wolverine Way Aliso Viejo - (949) 831-5590

A new ice rink in Lake Forest

Early this year a training facility for figure skaters and hockey players was approved in the city of Lake Forest. The owner, Glen Bushway, also owns the Aliso Viejo Ice Palace. The 30,000 square foot building will be located at 25821 Atlantic Ocean Drive, off of Bake Parkway. The training center will be housed in an existing light industrial building and would have:

- ❖ One regulation-size ice surface (185 feet by 85 feet) with hockey boards, and glass similar to the Aliso Viejo facility
- ❖ A 2,532 square foot off-ice training area
- ❖ Study area rooms for video and instructional training
- ❖ Four locker rooms
- ❖ A pro room for coaches and
- ❖ Storage rooms for the Zamboni ice resurfacing machine, training equipment

This facility is planning to open in late August or September.

OCFSC - Spot Light

Would you like us to consider showcasing you or your child in one of our newsletters? If so, please send us information like:

1. A picture or two
2. Something about the skater that is not related to skating. i.e. other achievements, hobbies or interests
3. Something about the skating that you would like to share. i.e. their progress, placement in a competition or how skating has impacted their life.
4. Their favorite skater, and why.

Be a part of the next Newsletter.

Please send pictures, stories, suggestions, or recommendations to be considered for the next Newsletter. This is **your** Newsletter, for **your** club. Let your voice be heard. Please email them to { HYPERLINK "mailto:noellewheeler@ocfsc.iwarp.com" }

Letter from the President

I trust that each one of you had a glorious and safe 4th of July. As we embark on a new competitive season, the word to remember is commitment. A commitment to practice, to your skating, to your coaches and parents, to your education, to your club and most importantly to yourself. When you practice – practice with a purpose. When you skate – skate your best performance ever. Commit to your coaches and parents with a passion for your sport. In these ways you will develop into the best skater you can be. I look forward to your efforts this season.

I want to welcome our two newest board members Sam Abrego, who's son Sammy frequents Yorba Linda, and Noelle Wheeler who is a not only a skating-mom, but a mom that skates! She will be responsible for the club newsletter and Sam will provide additional Yorba Linda presence on the board. Finally, I want to thank Hiroshi Kumano for two years of service as he leaves the OC board of directors – but I understand that he will continue in the role of practice ice coordinator for our annual competition.

As many of you know, our annual competition is our single biggest fundraiser. This year it is occurring on August 20th and 21st at the Orange County Ice Palace in Yorba Linda. The deadline for entering is July 9th after which late entries if accepted are automatically charged a \$10 late fee. You can also pre-purchase your practice ice which you can schedule for yourself once entries are closed. For those hoping to compete at Regionals and beyond your service commitment can be met by volunteering. I look forward to seeing all of you in August.

Howard Andrews, Jr

President

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